GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2436
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COAL WAGE BOARD
Chowdhury Shri Bikash

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement on Coal Wage has been signed in CIL;

(b) if not, the reasons behind for such delay in the agreement in Coal Wage Board, when the last period of agreement expired three years before;

(c) whether the Government has a plan to exclude a large number of coal workers working under some subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd.;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to accelerate the agreement on CoaL Wage Board; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Delay has occurred as management of Coal companies and Trade Unions have not been able to reach an amicable settlement on some issues involved in finalisation of wage and other fringe benefits.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Government has constituted a Group of Ministers to look into and take decision on all policy issues relating to the ongoing wage negotiations for coal industry in the best interest of the industry, labour and the national economy.